

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
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CARLSON, <i>et al.</i>	:	
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Serial No. 09/641,101	:	
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Filed August 17, 2000	:	Examiner Keasel, E.
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For BALL VALVE WITH MODIFIED	:	
CHARACTERISTICS	:	

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Final Office Action

Sir:

Kindly enter this Response to amendment in response to the final Office Action dated, April 4, 2006.

Each of the included sections of this amendment is presented below on successive, sequentially-numbered sheets. Each section begins and ends on a sheet reserved to it.

Applicants request an extension for one month to permit entry of this amendment, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

(1) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, all of the claims pending in this application, are respectfully requested.

No claims have been added.

All claims other than original claims 1-9 have been canceled.

No drawing corrections should now be required as the request for them related wholly to claims which have now been canceled.